

BLIGHT IS DOING WORK

Lantana on Maui Is Being Wiped Out.

The Rice Planters Are in Need of Labor.

Lands Have Been Abandoned Because of Shortage of Supply.

MAUI, Jan. 10.—The lantana blight is slowly but surely doing its work on Maui. The lantana does not succumb without a hard struggle but finally withers, turns black, and gives up the fight. Large patches of black may be seen among the lantana on the byways of Kahakuloa, Waihee, Ulupalakua, Kula, and other places, showing where the blight has got in its work.

RICE LANDS ARE IDLE.

The rice planters of Honomanu valley, in Hana district, are discouraged because they cannot obtain laborers, accustomed to cultivate rice to work on their plantations. Their lands have to be idle in consequence.

KONA DOES DAMAGE.

A Kona wind blew furiously over Maui during Wednesday and Thursday, with rain for several hours during the latter day. It was the heaviest blow of the winter season so far. Telephone wires were broken and crossed, and trees here and there were uprooted. The wind is still most variable, attempting every now and then to come in from the cold north.

CABLES ARE COSTLY.

The plan of receiving daily cable dispatches on Maui by means of the wireless telegraph from Honolulu will not be feasible unless a hundred dollars a month is guaranteed, so Superintendent E. B. Carley of the telephone company states.

The work entailed upon the telephone office in transmitting the news received will be quite arduous and surely when rendered will deserve ample compensation. Twenty-five dollars per month is none too much.

To raise the required \$100 per month, the eight or nine plantation communities should take the matter in hand and guarantee at least eighty per cent of the amount. Each plantation could pay its share of the whole sum to be subscribed by contributions from its leading officers. The remaining twenty per cent might be made up in the towns of Wailuku and Lahaina. But after all is the craving for news so strong that

newspapers twice a week from Honolulu cannot satisfy it?

BALDWIN AT MAKAWELL.

Monday, the 12th, Messrs. H. P. Baldwin and Benj. D. Baldwin, of Puunene, will go to Makawell, Kauai. Mr. B. D. Baldwin, the assistant manager of Puunene, will remain on Kauai for three months for the purpose of superintending Makawell plantation during his brother's sickness.

Mr. Willow Baldwin, the manager of Makawell, is quite ill and as soon as it is advisable will come to Maui to recuperate his health.

AID SOCIETY ELECTION.

Tuesday afternoon, the 6th, the Makawell Ladies' Aid Society met at Mrs. McConkey's, Paia. The following officers were chosen for the coming year: Mrs. W. F. McConkey, president; Mrs. W. E. Nicoll, vice-president; Mrs. J. J. Hair, secretary; Mrs. W. O. Aiken, treasurer, and Mesdames S. E. Taylor, W. E. Nicoll and E. B. Carley, basket committee.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

Monday afternoon, the 5th, the district teachers held their monthly meeting in the Makawell school house. The program of exercises consisted of an interesting paper on agriculture in the government schools by J. Vincent of Huelo and the reading from the "Last Days of Pompeii." There were twelve present.

CANE CARS RAN AWAY.

From Saturday afternoon, the 3d, to Sunday noon, all the telephone subscribers of East Maui were unable to ring up Paia central. All this because several cars loaded with cane in some way got loose and ran away from Paia mill down an incline, wrecking in their flight a telephone pole and cutting the many wires attached thereto. The damage was repaired by noon of the following day, and telephonic intercourse resumed.

STRAY NOTES.

The January meeting of the Makawell Literary Society will be held at the residence of H. A. Baldwin, Hamakua-poko, next Friday evening, the 16th. Mrs. D. D. Baldwin of Haku is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Murdoch of Ewa who is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Myriads of mosquitoes are temporarily infesting Makawell.

Weather: Very cold. The thermometer has frequently been in the fifties and even in the forties in the Kula section.

FROM THE MAUI PAPER.

The members of Aloha Lodge, K. of P., have organized a dancing club or school at the K. of P. Hall to meet every Thursday evening.

The hand of Yardley, the caricaturist, has lost none of its cunning, judging from the recent cartoon in the Advertiser.

Kula eggs are on the market again at forty-cents a dozen.

The cable edition of the Advertiser is a paper to provoke admiration even from its enemies.

A noticeably new ring is heard in the voices of Honoluluans who have arrived on Maui this week.

The red evening glow on Maui is probably explained by the volcanic eruptions in Central America.

Every mill on Maui is now running, the entire daily output being nearly 500 tons. The bulk of this is shipped from Kahului.

ROMANTIC CAREER OF THE VENERABLE JOHN K. SUMNER

His Long Life in These His Native Islands and His Many Trials and Vicissitudes by Land and Sea.

Honolulu, H. I., January 10, 1903.

Editor Advertiser: I take the liberty of sending you a few personal items pertaining to the life of John K. Sumner, to whom your valuable paper has been a great factor in framing the public mind and in a sense helping him out of his troubles before the court, which has given him freedom and his fortune.

Captain William Sumner, John Sumner's father, was born in Northampton, England, and came to the Pacific Coast as a cabin boy on a British ship which landed on the Island of Kauai. Young Sumner ran away from the vessel and took up his residence with the natives. The king of Kauai was called Kaimualili. He took a great fancy to the lad, and adopted him as his own. About that time King Kamehameha I. invaded this island and had conquered all the group with the exception of Kauai, and was in Honolulu. Kaimualili, on hearing all the Islands had made submission to Kamehameha, called the people together and it was decided to send an embassy to the conqueror. But as no volunteers offered themselves, young Sumner offered to go, with the king, which offer was accepted. On arriving before Kamehameha, the king rendered his submission, which was accepted, Kaimualili being loaded with honors and told to go home to Kauai and tell his people that their lives and liberties were under his protection. But Kamehameha asked that young Sumner be allowed to stay with him, having shown so much courage. His good looks also and his extreme brightness recommended him. He then became a member of the Royal household, thus passing his young manhood until he married a young and beautiful Hawaiian lady named Hua. The offspring was William Sumner, Jr., the only brother of John K. Sumner, who was born September 16, 1820. Then followed his only sister, Maria S. Davis, born January 16, 1825, William being dead. The Ellises, known as the Sumner heirs, were William Sumner's grandchildren. R. W. Davis, better known as Wallie Davis, only son of Maria Davis, was born some 38 years ago, and he has figured in this case in protecting his uncle's interests. John K. Sumner was the second son. When he had grown to be a boy his father took him to sea on the brig Waverley, trading and fur hunting along the California Coast. Then Captain Sumner took up land at Moanalua, taking his sons, William and John K. in as partners, and at times had several thousand head of cattle. In 1847 Captain William Sumner died, and in 1849, when the gold fever broke out in California, William, Jr., went and returned home.

Then John K. Sumner went the following year, 1850, and returned after considerable experiences and hard luck, to Honolulu.

It was then he met his future wife at his brother William's house, she being a Tahitian princess named Ninito, who was married to him by a Protestant missionary named Armstrong, his sponsor being Governor Kekuanooa, father of Kamehameha V. His wife came on the French man-of-war from Tahiti in 1849, which demanded justice on behalf of some French priests who had been ill-treated.

From this marriage came no offspring, thus leaving his sister, Maria S. Davis, next; then her son, Wallie Davis; then the Ellises, the latter being only grand nephews and niece. Some time after John K. Sumner's marriage, Captain John Brander, a wealthy Tahitian merchant and vessel-owner, one whose wife was a niece of John K. Sumner's wife, sent a brig especially from Tahiti to bring the young couple home to that place. On Sumner's arrival there he went into the raising of sea island cotton which, at that time, was in great demand in Europe and America. After three and a half years he gave up the cotton industry and went into the cattle business. He bought a brig called the Ninito and, with young Wallie Davis as boatswain, made a number of successful trips from Hawaii to Tahiti, buying all his cattle from John Parker, uncle of the well-known Sam Parker. At last success failed him in his transportation by sea, having made a sixty days voyage from here to Tahiti, losing the great majority of his cattle. Sumner relates how the heat was so intense that the hot pitch poured down upon the poor brutes below decks, and having no water they licked up the hot pitch. Wallie, on that trip, acted as boatswain and Jonah, as the old man says the brig ran ashore when up at Hawaii, then a bad passage, the cattle were lost, and after sending the vessel back to this island the captain ran her ashore again. The reason, says John K. Sumner, was the too free use of swipes. I. Cartwright, agent for John K. Sumner during all that time, sold what was left of the brig. In 1897 John K. Sumner came back from Tahiti, and shortly after his wife died, on July 20, 1898. He remained here until 1901, when he went back to Tahiti on April 1, 1901, he residing there till 1902, arriving in Honolulu on August 20, that year, on the steamer Sierra and falling into the clutches of lawyers.

ZENO.

Attest, John K. Sumner.

HONOLULU MAN'S VALUABLE FIND

Mr. W. E. Devereux, of Grinbaum & Co. who was visiting east Maui last week, accidentally unearthed a very valuable find.

He was travelling on horseback from Hana to Kipahulu, and his horse left the main trail and was travelling along a by path, when it stumbled and came near falling into a hole, the mouth of which had been covered. As the hole presented a somewhat singular appearance, Mr. Devereux dismounted and proceeded to examine it. It was an artificial hole, and peering into it he discovered a large number, nearly a dozen, ancient calabashes, and fragments of tapa cloth which had evidently been hidden there many years ago, perhaps with the bones of a dead chief. The calabashes were of koa wood, and were in a good state of preservation. At the present prices of calabashes, they are estimated to be worth several hundred dollars. Mr. Devereux took them to Honolulu with him and will have them polished. Maui News.

Hilo Society.

The Hilo Cotillion Club gave a masquerade ball at the Hilo Hotel New Year's night at which over a hundred guests were present, forty or fifty going masked. The costumes comprised every conceivable variety of makeup and in nearly all cases effectively concealed the identity of the wearers. The music was furnished by a Hawaiian quintette. The dancing was in the dining room which had been lavishly decorated. The next dance to be given by the Cotillion club will be on the evening of February 22, a grand colonial german being planned for that date.

A cough is not a disease, but a symptom. It indicates that the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed. This inflammation often leads to pneumonia. The surest way to ward off pneumonia is to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on the first appearance of the cough or cold. It always cures and cures quickly. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., wholesale agents, sell it.

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